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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Allen Carl
Serial No.: 10/653,692
Filing Date: 09/02/2003
Title: SELECTIVE DELIVERY OF CRYOGENIC ENERGY
TO INTERVERTEBRAL DISC TISSUE AND
RELATED METHODS OF INTRADISCAL
HYPOTHERMIA THERAPY
Group Art Unit: 3739
Examiner: Michael F. Peffley
Attorney's Docket No.: CARL-1 CON

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed August 24, 2005 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from November 24, 2005 to February 24, 2006.

A check in the amount of \$ 510.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

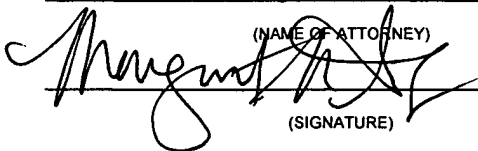
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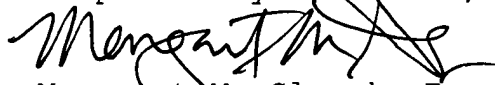

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